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THE FOLLOWING IS THE INFORMATION OBTAINED IN REFERENCE TO THE
CHECKED PROJECTS OF THE REFERRED AIRGRAM:

1. WATER SUPPLY FOR MANAGUA

A. THE EMPRESA AGUADORA DE MANAGUA INFORMS THAT THE PRESENT STATUS
OF THE PROJECT IN QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS: THE FASTER PLAN FOR THE
MANAGUA WATERWORKS IS PRESENTLY UNDER REVISION. THE NEXT STEP IS
THE PREPARATION OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY IN THE HOPE THAT ACTUAL
WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN 1979.

B. BASICALLY THE PROJECT CONSISTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PIPE-
LINE EXTENDING TOWARDS THE LAGOON OF TISMA, LOCATED ABOUT 14 MILES,
IN A STRAIGHT LINE, TO THE SOUTHEAST OF MANAGUA. THE PERFORATION
OF 13 DEEP WELLS IS ALSO PART OF THE PROJECT.

C. THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE MANAGUA WATER WORKS, ING.
LUIS PEREIRA D., STATES THAT THIS COMPANY HOPES TO OBTAIN
A US\$10 TO 12,000,000 LOAN TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT. THE
COMPANY'S CONTRIBUTION WILL AMOUNT TO THE EQUIVALENT OF
US\$8,000,000.

D. AS A FINAL COMMENTARY, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT AMERICAN
FIRMS SHOULD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE BIDDING WHEN THE
INVITATION FOR BIDS ARE PUBLISHED. HE THINKS THAT AMERICAN
FIRMS WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERBID LOCAL CONTRACTORS, SPECIALLY
IN THE PERFORATION OF WELLS.

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2. NATIONAL RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAM

A. ING. ADAN CAJINA, MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF NICARAGUA, STATED THAT LAST YEAR THE MINISTRY PREPARED A PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THIS PROJECT WHICH BASICALLY CONSISTS OF SUPPLYING POTABLE WATER TO ABOUT 2,801 SCATTERED RURAL LOCALITIES, EACH WITH LESS THAN 300 INHABITANTS. THESE LOCALITIES HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ANY OF THE PROJECTS OF THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS AND SEWAGE.

B. THE PLAN CONSISTS OF HAVING THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH UNDERTAKE THE DIGGING OR PERFORATION OF SIMPLE PUBLIC WELLS WHICH WILL BENEFIT A POPULATION OF 220,000 INHABITANTS BY 1995. THE WELLS WILL BE OPERATED EITHER BY WINDMILLS OR BY HAND OPERATED PUMPS.

C. THE PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF US\$3,272,235. SIXTY PERCENT OF THIS COST WILL BE BORNE EQUALLY BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES AND 40 PERCENT EXTERNAL FINANCING.

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